

Report

GM130 Is Required for Compartmental Organization of Dendritic Golgi Outposts

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Summary

Golgi complexes (Golgi) play important roles in the development and function of neurons [1–3]. Not only are Golgi present in the neuronal soma (somal Golgi), they also exist in the dendrites as Golgi outposts [4–7]. Previous studies have shown that Golgi outposts serve as local microtubule-organizing centers [8] and secretory stations in dendrites [6, 9]. It is unknown whether the structure and function of Golgi outposts differ from those of somal Golgi. Here we show in *Drosophila* that, unlike somal Golgi, the biochemically distinct *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments of Golgi are often disconnected in dendrites in vivo. The Golgi structural protein GM130 is responsible for connecting distinct Golgi compartments in soma and dendritic branch points, and the specific distribution of GM130 determines the compartmental organization of dendritic Golgi in dendritic shafts. We further show that compartmental organization regulates the role of Golgi in acentrosomal microtubule growth in dendrites and in dendritic branching. Our study provides insights into the structure and function of dendritic Golgi outposts as well as the regulation of compartmental organization of Golgi in general.

Results and Discussion

The Golgi Complexes in the Soma of *Drosophila* Neurons Form Ring-Shaped Structures Consisting of Stacks of *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* Compartments

We investigated the architecture of Golgi in soma and dendritic outposts by using the dendritic arborization (da) neurons in *Drosophila* larva as a model system. These neurons offer an opportunity for combining molecular genetics and high-resolution live imaging to study the Golgi at single-cell resolution in vivo [7, 8, 10, 11]. Different glycosylation enzymes are known to localize to the biochemically distinct Golgi compartments [12, 13]. We previously showed in the da neurons that the *medial*-Golgi marker α -mannosidase II tagged with EGFP (ManII-GFP) is present as multiple large units in the soma and as puncta in dendrites [7]. In order to label additional Golgi compartments, we generated transgenic flies that express

hemagglutinin (HA)-tagged α -mannosidase I (HA-ManI, for *medial*-Golgi) [14], TagRFP-T-tagged galactosyltransferase (GalT-TagRFP, for *trans*-Golgi) [15], and YFP- or TagRFP-T-tagged N-acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 2 (GalNacT2-YFP/TagRFP, for *trans*-Golgi) [16] (see [Figure S1](#) available online). These markers correctly labeled Golgi ministacks consisting of *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments in *Drosophila* epithelial cells ([Figures S1A](#) and [S1B](#); data not shown) [17, 18].

We used these markers to investigate the in vivo structural organization of Golgi compartments in the da neurons. In the soma of da neurons, the *medial* and *trans* markers all labeled several ring-shaped structures that contained endogenous *Drosophila* Golgi membrane-associated protein (dGMAP), the *Drosophila* homolog of the *cis*-localized Golgi membrane-associated protein 210 (GMAP-210) [19] ([Figures 1A](#), [1B](#), and [S1C](#)). These *cis*-, *medial*-, and *trans*-Golgi markers were closely juxtaposed and in many cases appeared to colocalize with each other due to convoluted 3D architecture ([Figures 1A–1C](#) and [S1C–S1E](#)). We also employed reverse tagging strategy by tagging ManII with TagRFP-T and GalT with YFP to ensure that the partial colocalization did not occur due to specific fluorescent proteins. Switching the fluorescent protein tags did not change the localizations of the markers for different Golgi compartments ([Figures S1G](#) and [S1H](#)). Moreover, brefeldin A treatment dispersed the ring-shaped Golgi in the soma and dendritic Golgi outposts ([Figure S1F](#)) [20], which was reversed after washout, further suggesting that the markers faithfully labeled the Golgi.

These results demonstrate that somal Golgi in da neurons form ring-shaped structures consisting of stacks of *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments. Thus, unlike other *Drosophila* larval cells, but similar to mammalian cells [17, 21], larval neurons contain somal Golgi compartments that are not only connected to each other but also form higher-order structures.

Disconnected Golgi Compartments Exist in Dendrites

In contrast to the soma, distinct Golgi compartments were often disconnected from one another in the dendrites ([Figures 1D](#) and [S1E](#)). Whereas 91.6% \pm 5.7% of ManII-GFP and GalT-TagRFP structures (from seven neurons) colocalized in the soma, only 51.6% \pm 4.8% ManII-GFP puncta (from 29 neurons) colocalized with or contacted GalT-TagRFP puncta in dendritic shafts. This surprising observation represents an animal case of Golgi organization with separated compartments in postmitotic cells, similar to the Golgi in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* [22, 23]. Notably, the Golgi outposts in the branch points of proximal dendrites did not follow this pattern. ManII-GFP and GalT-TagRFP were always juxtaposed to each other in these branch points ([Figures 1E](#)), similar to the Golgi ministacks observed in nonneuronal cells in *Drosophila* larva ([Figures S1A](#) and [S1B](#)) [17, 18]. Whereas the Golgi units in the soma were stationary, the Golgi outposts in the dendritic shafts (but not those at the branch points) often moved bidirectionally ([Figure 1F](#)). Moreover, in 50 10 min time-lapse recordings, we observed three cases in which the disconnected Golgi compartments became colocalized with each other for a period before moving apart ([Figure 1F](#)), which may contribute to the portion of multicompartment Golgi

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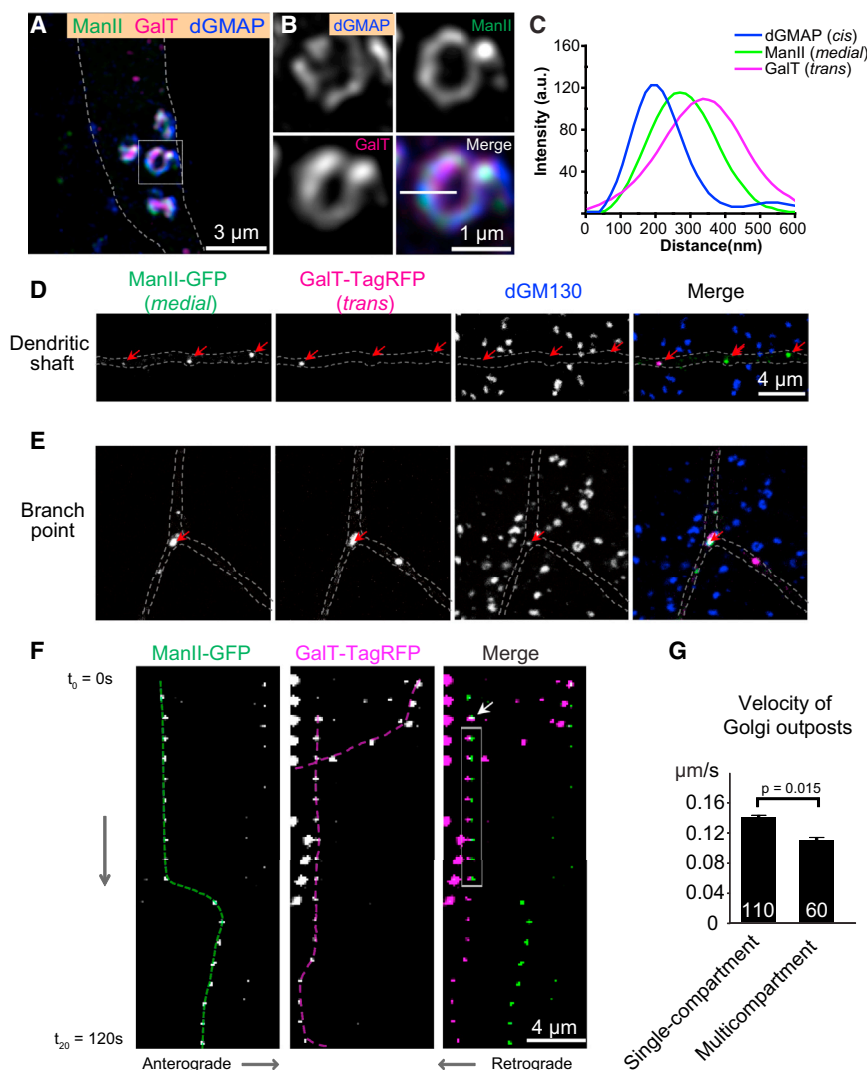


Figure 1. Distinct Golgi Architectures in the Soma and Dendrites of *Drosophila* da Neurons
(A–C) The *cis*-Golgi marker anti-GMAP (blue), *medial*-Golgi marker ManII-GFP (green), and *trans*-Golgi marker GalT-TagRFP (magenta) label ring-shaped structures in the soma of da neurons.
(A) Overview of somal Golgi.
(B) Magnified view of a single somal Golgi unit.
(C) Line profile shows the fluorescence intensity along the white line in (B).
(D) Golgi compartments are often disconnected in dendritic shafts as shown by the separation of the *medial*-Golgi marker ManII-GFP (green) and the *trans*-Golgi marker GalT-TagRFP (magenta). dGMAP130 protein (blue) is undetectable in dendritic shafts. Red arrows point to the Golgi compartments containing either ManII-GFP or GalT-TagRFP. The dGMAP130 puncta outside of the dendrites are specific labeling in epithelial cells adjacent to the neuron.
(E) The Golgi outposts in dendritic branch points contain multiple compartments as well as dGMAP130. Red arrows point to the Golgi compartments containing ManII-GFP, GalT-TagRFP, and dGMAP130.
(F) Dendritic Golgi outposts are dynamic. Kymographs of time-lapse imaging of ManII-GFP and GalT-TagRFP puncta in dendrites. The interval between two images is 10 s. The *medial* and *trans* compartments exhibit temporary interactions: they became co-localized at the time point indicated by the white arrow for 70 s (gray box) before separating from each other. The dashed lines indicate the trajectories of the Golgi compartments.
(G) Quantification of the velocity of Golgi outposts.

dGMAP130 Is Required for Connecting the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* Compartments In Vivo

The Golgi structural protein GM130 has been proposed to organize Golgi into

observed in dendrite shafts. The velocity of moving multicompartment Golgi outposts was $0.11 \pm 0.008 \mu\text{m/s}$ ($n = 60$), slightly slower than that of moving single-compartment outposts at $0.14 \pm 0.009 \mu\text{m/s}$ ($n = 110$) ($p = 0.015$) (Figure 1G). In the 50 10 min recordings (6 s/frame), we observed five events of sudden appearance and disappearance of single-compartment outposts. This could be due to either technical reasons (e.g., focal plane) or cisternal maturation of Golgi compartments [23].

Collectively, these results reveal three different organizations of Golgi in *Drosophila* da neurons: (1) ring-shaped Golgi units that contain *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments in the soma; (2) disconnected, punctate Golgi compartments in the dendritic shafts (“single-compartment Golgi”); and (3) Golgi ministacks in both dendritic branch points and shafts (“multicompartment Golgi”). The first two organizations have not been characterized previously in *Drosophila*. These findings also demonstrate that different structural organizations of Golgi may exist in the same postmitotic cell.

We also observed both single- and multicompartment Golgi in the dendrites of mouse cortical neurons in culture (Figures S1I and S1J), suggesting that these two types of dendritic Golgi organizations are evolutionarily conserved.

stacks and/or ribbons in mammalian cells in culture [24–28]. We found that while the *Drosophila* ortholog of GM130 (dGMAP130) localized to the ring-shaped Golgi units in the soma (Figures 2C and 2D), it was barely detected in dendritic shafts (Figure 1D). dGMAP130 was always present at the branch points where ManII-GFP and GalT-TagRFP did form multicompartment Golgi (Figure 1E). These results raised the possibility that the distribution of dGMAP130 determines the different organizations of Golgi between the soma and dendrites.

To test this possibility in vivo, we generated *dGMAP130* null mutants by P element imprecise excision (Figures 2A–2C). The null mutation *dGMAP130*^{Δ23} dramatically perturbed the architecture of somal Golgi in da neurons (Figures 2D and 2E). The ring-shaped Golgi units were rarely detected in *dGMAP130* mutant neurons (Figures 2D–2F). Instead, many Golgi compartments of irregular shapes were present. Moreover, puncta that were positive for either ManII-GFP or GalT-TagRFP, but not for both, increased dramatically in the soma (Figures 2D, 2E, and 2G), indicating defects in compartmental organization. These results suggest that in da neurons, dGMAP130 is required for connecting the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments and for forming the ring-shaped structures. Loss of *dGMAP130* also led to

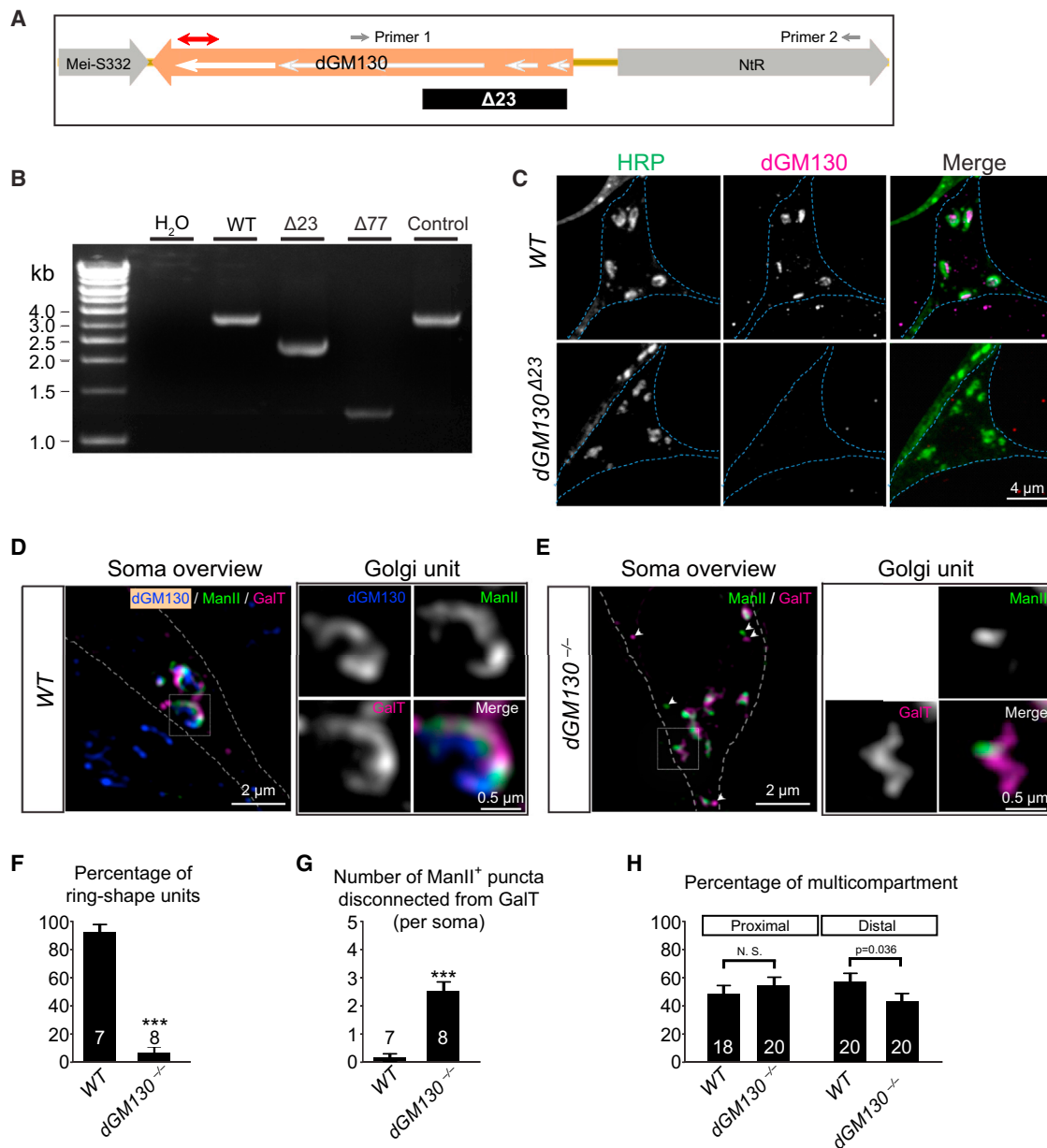


Figure 2. dGM130 Is Required for Connecting the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* Compartments In Vivo

(A–C) Generation and characterization of *dGM130* null mutants.

(A) Schematic of the genomic region around the *dGM130* gene. The white arrows indicate the five exons of the *dGM130* gene. The red line with double arrowheads indicates the antigenic region for the anti-dGM130 antibody. The *dGM130*^{Δ23} allele carries a deletion that spans the first two exons and half of the third exon (indicated by the black box) as confirmed by DNA sequencing. Small gray arrows indicate the location of the two primers used to amplify the genomic region for genotyping and DNA sequencing.

(B) PCR results confirming genomic deletions caused by imprecise excision in *dGM130* mutants. WT, wild-type; Δ77, a deletion that removes part of *dGM130* and part of the adjacent gene *NtR*; Δ23, a deletion that removes the first two exons and half of the third exon; control, a precise excision line of the P element P(RS3)GM130^{CB-6408-3}.

(C) Immunostaining of class III da neurons with an anti-dGM130 antibody that recognizes a C-terminal fragment of dGM130 protein shows that dGM130 protein is undetectable in the *dGM130*^{Δ23} mutant but present in the wild-type. Anti-HRP antibody labels a family of N-linked glycans that are partly localized in the Golgi.

(D and E) Ring-shaped Golgi are transformed into irregular shapes in *dGM130*^{Δ23} mutant (*dGM130*^{-/-}) neuron. White arrowheads in (E) point to disconnected ManII and GalT puncta.

(F and G) Bar charts confirming the percentage of ring-shaped units (F) and the number of ManII-positive puncta that are disconnected from GalT-positive puncta (G) in WT and *dGM130*^{-/-} neurons.

(H) Quantification of the percentage of multicompartment Golgi in the proximal and distal dendrites in WT and *dGM130*^{-/-} mutant neurons.

disconnection of Golgi compartments in the lobula plate tangential cells in the adult fly brain (Figure S2A) and larval epithelial cells (Figure S2B).

We next examined the compartmental organization of Golgi outposts in dendritic shafts of *dGM130* null mutant neurons. The percentage of multicompartment outposts in the proximal

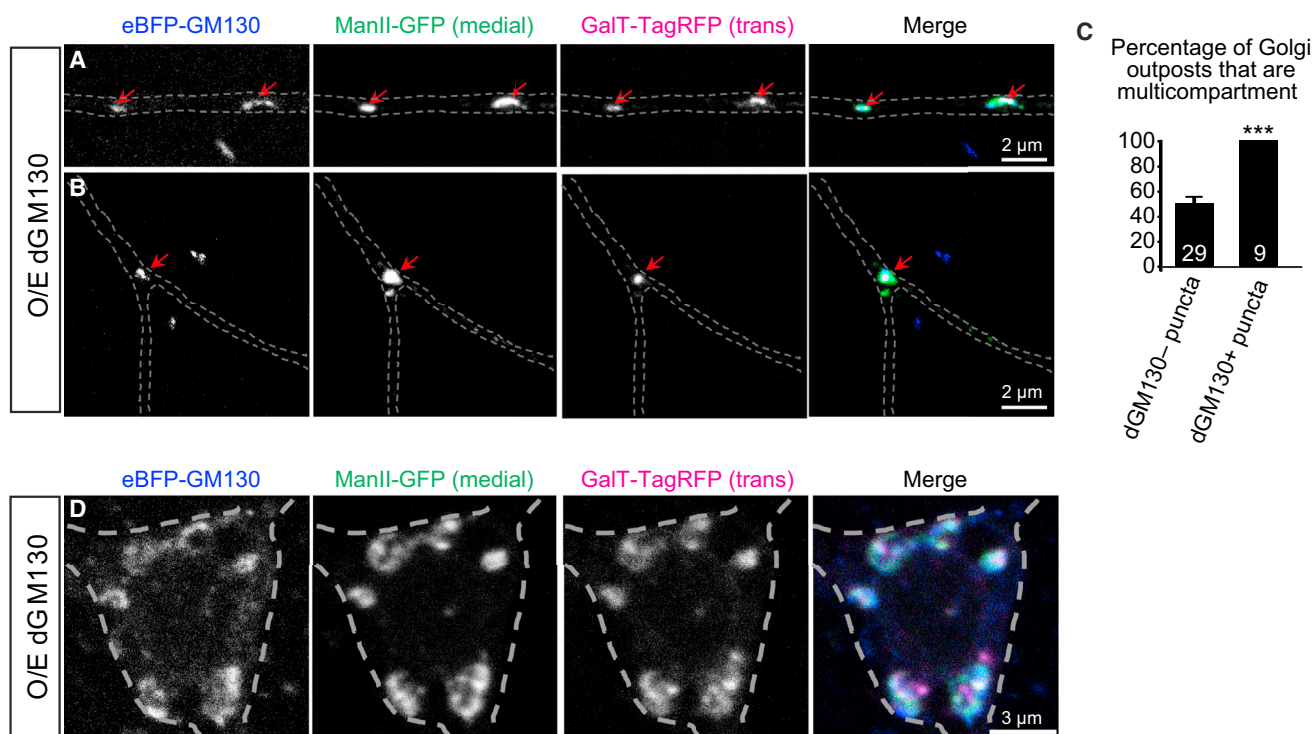


Figure 3. Ectopic dGM130 Connects Distinct Golgi Compartments of Dendritic Golgi Outposts

(A and B) Dendritic shafts (A) and branch points (B) of *da* neurons overexpressing dGM130. The *medial* and *trans* compartments are labeled by ManII-GFP (green) and GalT-TagRFP (magenta). Red arrows point to dGM130-positive puncta.

(C) Bar chart showing the percentage of Golgi outposts that are multicompartment in the dendritic shafts of dGM130-overexpressing neurons. The multicompartment Golgi outposts were identified by the presence of *medial* and *trans*-Golgi markers.

(D) Soma of *da* neurons overexpressing dGM130.

100 μ m and distal 100 μ m dendrites was quantified separately in control and *dGM130* null mutant neurons. Loss of *dGM130* decreased the percentage of multicompartment Golgi in distal dendrites but did not cause any difference in proximal dendrites between control and *dGM130* mutant neurons (Figures 2H and S2D). These results suggest that dGM130 is required for connecting some of the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments in at least the distal dendrites. This also implies that the dendrites might contain dGM130 at levels that are under detection sensitivity. The reason of the difference between proximal and distal dendrites remains to be determined. It is possible that the dispersion of somal Golgi caused by *dGM130* mutation may lead to spillover of multicompartment Golgi into proximal dendrites.

The role of GM130 in Golgi architecture has been controversial [17, 28–32], which may be caused by the lack of in vivo study carried out with genetically null mutants. Our results show that although *dGM130* null mutant flies were viable and fertile, *dGM130* is required for distinct Golgi compartments to join together, establishing GM130 as a key regulator of Golgi architecture in neurons in vivo.

It is known that GM130 functions by forming a protein complex with other proteins, particularly GRASP55 and GRASP65 [33]. The mammalian GRASP65 is required for Golgi cisternal stacking [25]. Our results suggest that dGM130 is necessary for inducing multicompartment Golgi outposts. Thus, it is possible that GM130 initiates the protein complex for cisternal stacking. We also generated several strains of *Drosophila GRASP* (*dGRASP*) null mutant flies by P element

imprecise excision. These *dGRASP* null flies were viable, but the females were sterile. Unlike in *dGM130* null neurons, different Golgi compartments were connected in *dGRASP* null neurons (Figure S2G), raising the possibility of maternally contributed wild-type proteins in the mutant animals. We performed germline mosaic analysis and found that the *dGRASP* mutant clones were sterile, precluding the possibility of removing the potential maternal contribution.

dGM130 Is Sufficient to Induce Multicompartment Golgi Outposts In Vivo

We next tested whether ectopic localization of dGM130 in dendritic shafts is sufficient to connect distinct Golgi compartments. Overexpressing dGM130 led to the appearance of dGM130-positive puncta in the dendrite shafts (Figures 3A and 3C). Strikingly, the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments were juxtaposed to each other at almost every dGM130-positive puncta in the dendritic shafts (Figures 3A and 3C). In contrast to the dendritic shafts, dGM130 overexpression did not significantly affect the compartmental organization of somal Golgi (Figure 3D). Taken together, these results support that notion that dGM130 induces the formation of multicompartment Golgi outposts in vivo.

The Compartmental Organization of Golgi Outposts Regulates Acentrosomal Microtubule Growth

Dendritic Golgi outposts have been previously shown to participate in the patterning of dendritic branches of *Drosophila da* neurons [7]. To test whether Golgi compartmental

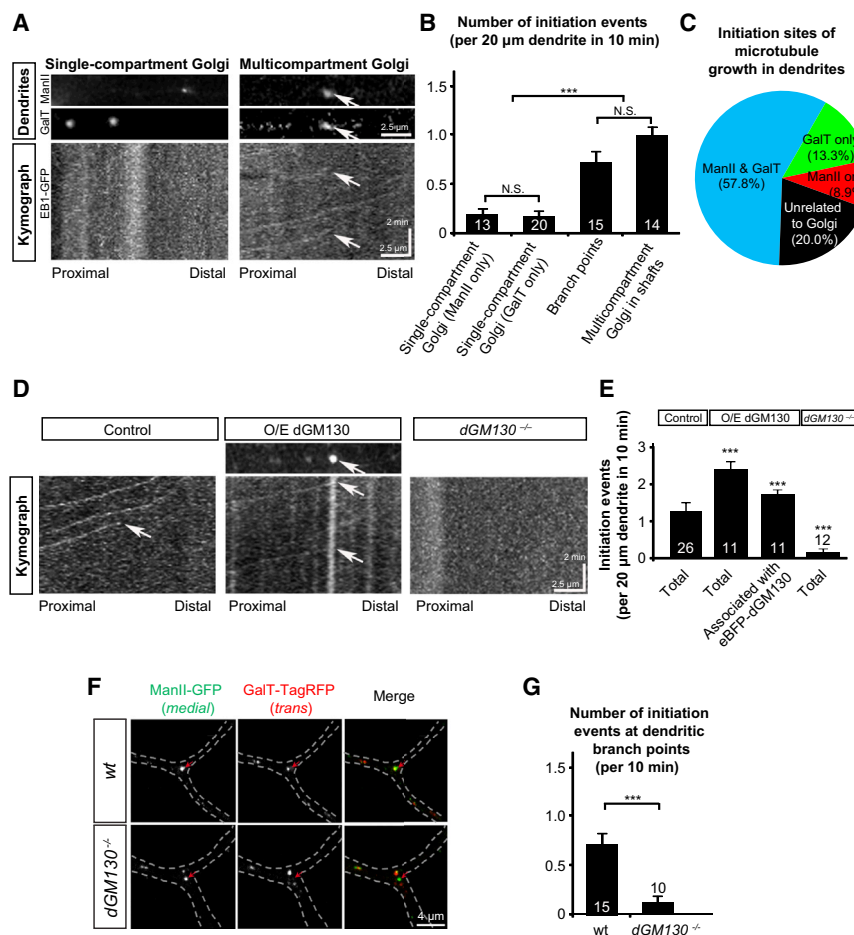


Figure 4. Multicompartment Golgi Outposts Are the Main Initiation Sites for Microtubule Growth in Dendrites

(A and B) Dendritic Golgi outposts with multicompartment, but not those with single compartments, colocalize with the initiation sites of microtubule growth in dendrites.

(A) Kymographs showing the trajectory of EB1-GFP comets in dendritic shafts of WT neurons. The arrows point to the position of a multicompartment Golgi outpost that contains both ManII-EBFP (*medial*) and GalT-TagRFP (*trans*).

(B) Quantification of the initiation events from dendritic Golgi outposts with different compartmental organizations: single-compartment Golgi outposts (*medial* or *trans* only), Golgi outposts at branch points, and multicompartment Golgi outposts (with both *medial* and *trans*).

(C) Pie chart of the percentage of microtubule initiation sites associated with Golgi outposts with different compartmental organizations.

(D and E) Reconstitution of multicompartment Golgi in dendritic shafts increases, while loss of dGM130 decreases, the number of microtubule growth events in dendrites.

(D) Kymographs showing the trajectory of EB1-GFP comets in dendrites of control (mKate2/mRFP-overexpressing), dGM130-overexpressing (O/E), and dGM130 null mutant neurons. The arrows indicate the initiation events of microtubule growth. The comets that bypass the imaged dendritic segment during the indicated period are visible in the kymographs but are not counted as initiation events.

(E) Quantification of the initiation events in control, dGM130-overexpressing, and dGM130 mutant neurons.

(F) Golgi compartments are disconnected in the dendritic branch points of dGM130 mutant neurons. The arrows indicate the positions of the ManII-GFP puncta.

(G) Quantification of the initiation events at the branch points in WT and dGM130 mutant neurons.

organization might contribute to dendritic branching, we examined Golgi compartmental organization in several mutants with dendritic branching defects. Loss-of-function mutations of the transcription factor *dar1*, which reduces dendritic branching in class III da (C3 da) neurons [34], led to a decrease in the percentage of multicompartmental Golgi in dendrites without affecting the Golgi in the soma and branch points (Figures S3A and S3B; data not shown). In contrast, overexpression of Knot, a transcription factor known to increase dendritic growth [35, 36], did not change the compartmental organization in dendrites (Figures S3C and S3D). These results suggest that certain regulators of dendritic branching and growth may act by regulating the compartmental organization of dendritic Golgi outposts.

A recent study suggests that dendritic Golgi outposts regulate dendritic branching by functioning as centrosomal nucleation sites for microtubules [8]. In light of our findings that the Golgi outposts comprise two populations, one with single compartments and the other with multiple compartments, we asked whether the structural organization of Golgi outposts regulates microtubule growth. We examined microtubule growth in da neurons in vivo by time-lapse imaging of EB1-GFP [8, 10, 37]. EB1 binds to growing microtubule plus ends and moves in a way that resembles comets (hence termed “EB1-GFP comets”) as microtubules grow [37]. We

compared the association of microtubule growth initiation with multicompartment outposts to that with single-compartment outpost by live imaging the presence of ManII-EBFP and GalT-TagRFP together with EB1-GFP in wild-type da neurons. The number of microtubule initiation events associated with the Golgi outposts containing both *medial*- and *trans*-Golgi compartments was significantly greater than the events associated with single-compartment outposts (Figures 4A and 4B). Consistent with the result that Golgi outposts at branch points contain multiple compartments, branch points also initiated more microtubule growth than the single-compartment outposts in dendritic shafts (Figure 4B). In the dendritic shafts, 57.8% of microtubule growth initiation sites were associated with Golgi outposts containing both *medial* and *trans* compartments, compared to 8.9% for *medial*-only and 13.3% for *trans*-only outposts (Figure 4C). 20% of dendritic microtubule growth initiation sites were either not associated with dendritic Golgi outposts or associated with Golgi outposts that were below detection sensitivity (Figure 4C). These results raised the possibility that connecting multiple Golgi compartments promotes microtubule growth in vivo.

Because introducing dGM130 into dendrites connects the *cis*, *medial*, and *trans* compartments of dendritic Golgi (Figures 3A and 3C), we compared the number of initiation events of microtubule growth in the dendrites between control and

dGM130-overexpressing neurons. The number of microtubule growth initiation events was significantly increased in the dendritic shafts of neurons overexpressing dGM130 compared to control (Figures 4D and 4E). The increase was largely due to events associated with dGM130-containing multicompartiment Golgi outposts (Figure 4E).

In *dGM130* null mutant neurons, microtubule growth initiation events were reduced in distal dendrites (Figures 4D and 4E). Because Golgi compartments in *dGM130*-deficient neurons were dispersed in branch points (Figure 4F), we examined microtubule growth initiation at these branch points. Consistently, microtubule growth initiation at dendritic branch points was dramatically suppressed by *dGM130* mutations (Figure 4G). In contrast, loss of *dGMAP*, another Golgi structural protein, did not affect microtubule growth initiation (Figures S4A and S4B). Taken together, these results suggest that the dGM130-mediated compartmental organization of dendritic Golgi outposts regulates microtubule growth in dendrites.

We also assessed the role of *dGM130* in dendritic branching. The total number of dendritic branch points as well as the number of higher-order branches (fourth order and up) was significantly reduced in *dGM130* mutant class III da neurons but increased in dGM130-overexpressing neurons of the same type (Figures S4C–S4E). These results suggest that *dGM130*, and possibly compartmental organization of Golgi outposts, is a factor that determines the number of higher-order dendritic branches.

The mechanism underlying the microtubule growth regulated by dGM130 is currently unclear. dGM130 might regulate microtubule growth through three different mechanisms. First, different Golgi compartments may each serve a unique role in microtubule nucleation. Thus, multicompartiment Golgi serve as a functional scaffold for the microtubule nucleation machinery. Second, GM130, rather than multicompartiment Golgi, may be responsible for initiating microtubule growth. Third, it is also possible that dGM130 and compartmental organization of Golgi regulates microtubule growth indirectly through other Golgi functions such as membrane trafficking.

Previous studies on mammalian hippocampal neurons have shown that ribbon-like Golgi stacks that are disconnected from somal Golgi and are positive for GM130 are located only in the soma and proximal dendrites [1]. This has led to the speculation that Golgi outposts might exist only in proximal dendrites. However, this speculation contradicts the proposal that membrane proteins are synthesized locally at synapses in distal dendrites [38] and ultrastructural and immunofluorescence studies showing the presence of membranous organelles positive for Golgi markers [5, 39]. The findings described in this study reconcile this contradiction by showing that Golgi in the soma and those in the dendrites assume different compartmental organizations.

Experimental Procedures

Fly Stocks and cDNA Constructs

The following previously published fly stocks were used in this study: P{RS3}GM130^{CB-6408-3} (Drosophila Genetic Resource Center), GAL4¹⁹⁻¹² [40], UAS-EB1-GFP [37], UAS-ManII-GFP [7], *dar1*³²³² [34], and UAS-Knot [36]. To generate the UAS-GalT-TagRFP and UAS-ManII-EBFP or TagRFP transgenic lines, we replaced EGFP/YFP with either EBFP or TagRFP-T in the pUAST-ManII-EGFP and pUAST-GalT-YFP constructs [7]. To make the UAS-EBFP-dGM130 transgenic line, we fused *dGM130* cDNA to the C terminus of EBFP and inserted it into the pUAST vector. To make the UAS-HA-ManI transgenic line, full-length cDNA of *Drosophila ManI* (*dManI*) was

amplified from the expressed sequence tag clone RE43942 by PCR and inserted in frame into the C terminus of the HA tag in the vector pAttB-HA-UAST. To make the UAS-GalNacT2-YFP/TagRFP transgenic lines, we fused the full-length human *GalNacT2* cDNA (gift from Graham Warren and Ayano Satoh) with YFP or TagRFP-T. The transformation constructs were injected into *w*¹¹¹⁸ embryos to generate transgenic flies, with the exception of UAS-HA-ManI, which was injected into P{CaryP}attP40 embryos.

Immunostaining and Imaging of Golgi Markers in Larval da Neurons

To image the Golgi structures labeled by fluorescent protein-tagged markers, we dissected third-instar larvae in insect saline, fixed them with 4% formaldehyde for 40 min, and imaged them without staining. To image endogenous dGM130 and dGMAP, we immunostained the fixed samples with rabbit anti-dGM130 (1:1,000; Abcam) and rabbit anti-dGMAP (1:1,000; gift from Pascal Therond and Florence Friggi-Grelin).

We acquired 3D fluorescence images using an SP5 AOBS spectral laser scanning confocal microscope (Leica Microsystems). Both somal Golgi and dendritic Golgi outposts images were acquired using a 63× oil objective lens (NA = 1.41) in xyz mode at a z step of 113 nm. Image stacks were then deconvolved with the deconvolution function included in the Leica confocal software.

Live Imaging and Analysis of EB1-GFP in Dendrites

Third-instar larvae expressing EB1-GFP driven by the Gal4¹⁹⁻¹² driver were anesthetized by ether, mounted in halocarbon oil, and live imaged with a Leica SP5, Olympus FV1000/1200, or Zeiss 710/780 confocal system. The class III da neurons in the dorsal cluster (*ddaA* and *ddaF*) were imaged. The control larvae carried UAS-EB1-GFP, UAS-GalT-TagRFP, UAS-ManII-EBFP, and Gal4¹⁹⁻¹². The experiments for dGM130 overexpression were performed on larvae carrying UAS-EB1-GFP, UAS-dGM130, UAS-EBFP-dGM130, and Gal4¹⁹⁻¹². Multichannel z stacks of time-lapse images were collected in distal (~100 μm) dendrites at 6 s intervals for 10 min. We imaged either two channels for EBFP-dGM130 and EB1-GFP or three channels for ManII-EBFP, GalT-TagRFP, and EB1-GFP. Time-lapse images with at least one EB1-GFP comet, regardless of the origin, were analyzed. Kymographs were generated with NIH ImageJ and used to count the total number of microtubule growth initiation events and the number of initiation sites.

Supplemental Information

Supplemental Information includes four figures and Supplemental Experimental Procedures and can be found with this article online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2014.04.008>.

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